

The Next Los Angeles: The Struggle for a Livable City



What is Los Angeles?



“The new Ellis Island”

– Kevin McCarthy



“The West Coast of Iowa”

– Joan Didion



“A constellation of plastic”

– Norman Mailer



“Fattest land I ever saw”

– Harrison Gray Otis



“A commodity; something to be advertised and sold to the people of the United States like automobiles, cigarettes and mouth wash.”

— Morrow Mayo



“Cheap pedicures, perpetual sun,
guilt free careerism, seeing Vincent
Price at the 7-Eleven, having a back
yard, no cockroaches, true love, and
Disneyland.” — Ann Magnuson



“A city of several cities, divided by color, culture, and cash.”

– Bob McEnery



“A strip of plastic and clapboard,
decorated by skimpy palms... this
long sunny nothingness, born
yesterday”

– Elizabeth Hardwick



“A gaudy, flamboyant, richly
scented, noisy and jazzy place.”
– Carey McWilliams

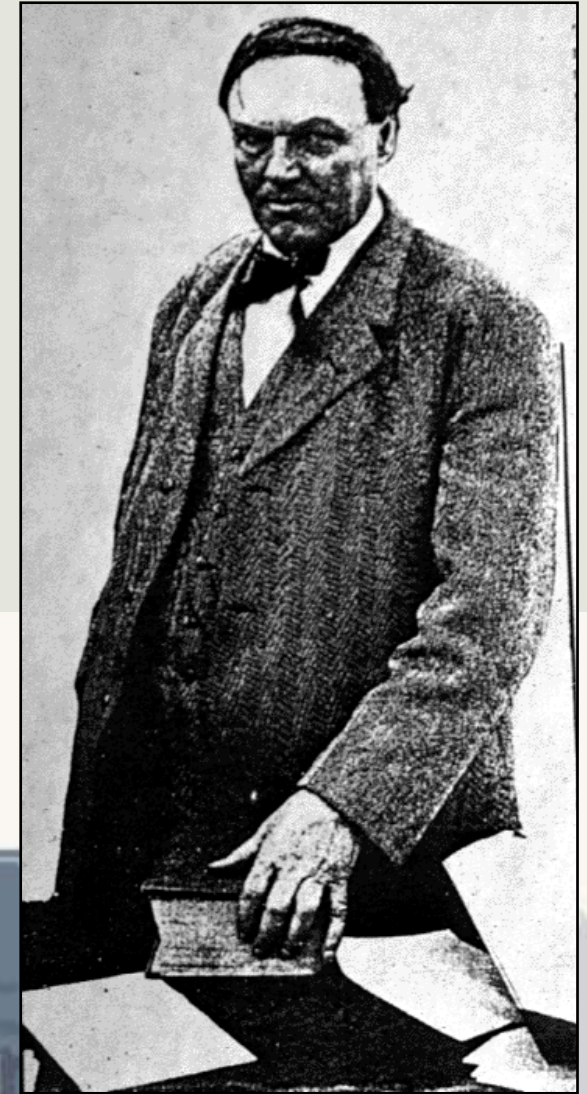


“A city of the future, a place of possibility”

**– Local activist at the
Progressive L.A. conference**



Dan Grayson of the Working Class Party Elected Governor





Job Harriman



The Bombing of the Los Angeles Times Building



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Dear Friend:

The very interesting pamphlet enclosed herewith will show you that Upton Sinclair's candidacy for the Governorship gives us Californians at last a practical answer to the old question: "What can we do about it?"

At all former elections we had to be content with the ballyhoo and specially posed photographs presented by the subsidized daily press. At the next primaries we have for the first time opportunity of voting for a candidate with real qualifications. Upton Sinclair's idealism, humanitarian views, sound economics, and abhorrence of social injustice will become obvious if we read this, his latest pamphlet, and help the good cause as I have done.

Send \$1.00 to Upton Sinclair, together with the names and addresses of fifteen of your friends whom you wish to read this

“...an honest reformer who has become the unwitting dupe of the CIO, the Communists and certain crackpot reformers.” – Los Angeles Times, 1938

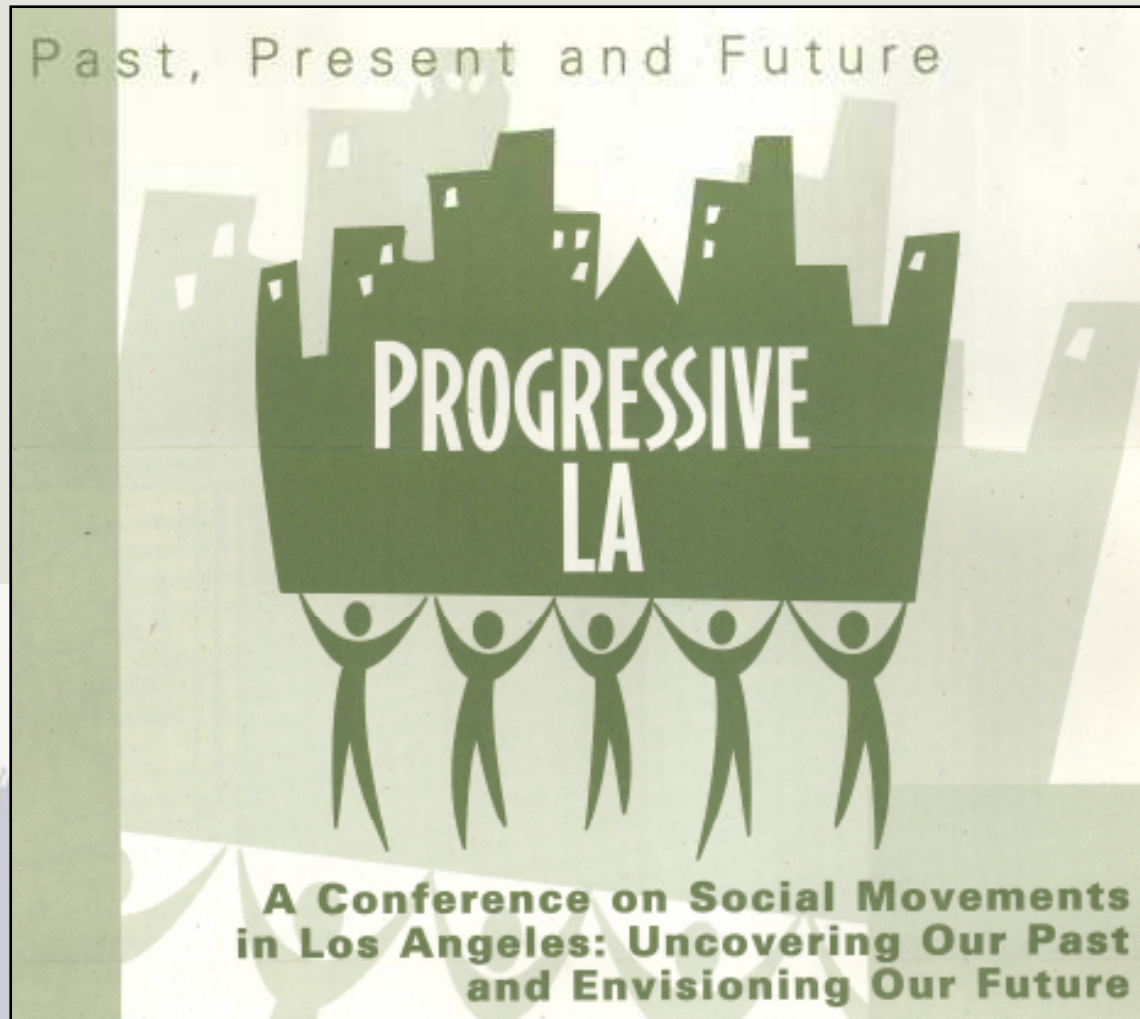
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Norris Poulson and the Chavez Ravine Fight



1998 Progressive L.A. Conference



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Reaping the Fruits of Radicals' Tireless Labors

Ambivalence crept through me last Saturday morning as I parked my Toyota Tercel between two Mercedes. "Brentwood Bolsheviks." I sneered. I had been sent to Occidental College to cover a conference of "progressives" celebrating "struggle," convened on the 75th anniversary of social crusader Upton Sinclair's arrest at a longshoremen's rally on Liberty Hill in San Pedro. In the parking lot, I began to

Sister Diane Donoghue



Maria Elena Durazo



UCLA Labor Center and LOSH

Kent Wong and Marianne Brown



Heal the Bay



Anthony Thigpenn



Living Wage Ordinance 1997



Justice for Janitors



Bus Riders Union



Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates (KIWA)



ACORN Demonstrates: The Struggle for a Housing Trust Fund and Inclusionary Zoning



Parks & Open Space and the LA River



Community Benefits Agreements: LAX

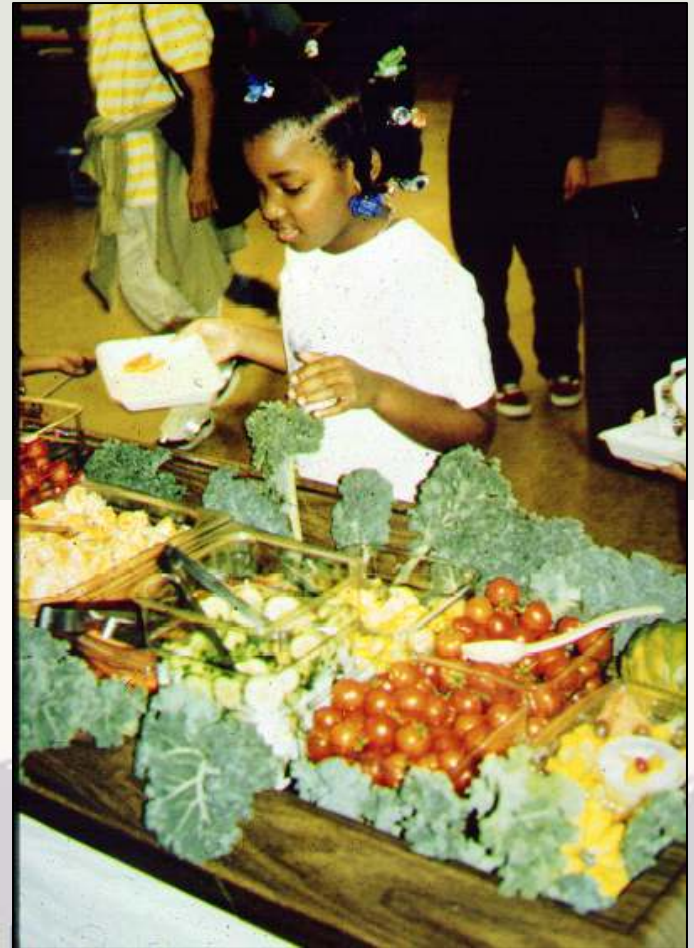


Inglewood Says No to Wal-Mart



**Altagracia
Perez
speaks out**

The Community Food Security Movement Takes Root



Immigrants Cultivate Community Gardens



Electing Progressives



Karen Bass



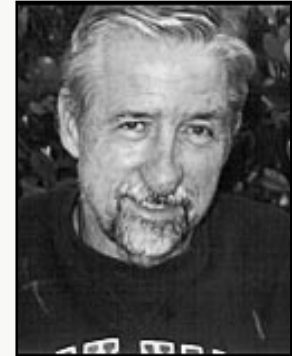
Judy Chu



Jackie Goldberg



Eric Garcetti



Tom Hayden



Sheila Kuehl



Martin Ludlow



Ed Reyes



Gloria Romero



Gil Cedillo



Hilda Solis



Mark Ridley Thomas



Antonio Villaraigosa



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